

Van Meter News

Back To School!!

August 2014

COUNCIL NEWS



City Council hears noise complaints

The City Council has heard from a number of individuals who believe that the Noise Control section of the City Code should be amended to better provide for the quiet enjoyment of property. Over the next couple of months the Policy Committee will be working on a recommendation to better meet the community's needs. If you have ideas about how we can more suitably balance the expectations of our citizens with the appropriate operations of our business community please share those thoughts with us. In particular these individuals serve on the Policy Committee: Allan Adams, Bob Lacy, and Mike Peterson.

416 West Street

On July 29, 2014 the Iowa Certified Groundwater Professional for the City of Van Meter completed the over excavation of contaminated soil from leaking underground storage fuel tanks from when the property was a gas station in the early 1980s. The over excavation represents the last major clean-up activity that is required before the sidewalk can be replaced and the lot seeded with grass. The removal of hazardous materials on the property costs \$48,500 and the City was able to utilize grants to cover more than \$21,000 of the cost.

Before



After



Visit our website at www.vanmeteria.gov

Elected Officials:

Mayor-Allan Adams

Council

-Kim Sacker;

Mayor Pro Tem

-Bob Lacy

-Michael Peterson

-Owen Stump

-Beth Tweed

City Staff:

Jake Anderson-

City Administrator

515-954-6094

Liz Thompson-Clerk

515-669-6396

Dave Herman-

Public Works

515-240-9280

Chad Gillespie-

Public Works

515-371-9933

Bill Daggett-

Police Chief

515-202-4154

Jolena Welker-

Library Director

jjwelker@vanmeteria.gov

Michelle Boren

Asst. Library Director

mboren@vanmeteria.gov

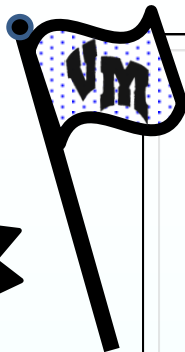
VAN METER ATHLETIC BOOSTERS

FANFEST 2014



FRIDAY, AUGUST 22, 5:30PM

The Van Meter Booster Club has a lot in which to be proud. Each year the Booster Club helps our local athletes in many ways. Whether it's giving to the youth programs or the secondary school programs, 100% of the money raised is returned to our athletes in one form or another. This couldn't be done without the wonderful support from the Van Meter community.



Please join the **Van Meter Athletic Boosters**
for a Family Friendly Evening
Celebrating all Van Meter Athletics!



Mark your calendars for Friday, August 22nd at 5:30. We will have the volleyball scrimmage, football scrimmage and parade of athletes at the Van Meter school. **FUN CHANGE** this year—Dinner, silent auction fundraiser, inflatables and a word from our coaches at the Van Meter Veterans Reception Center. We have already received a lot of **EXCITING NEW SILENT AUCTION ITEMS!**

What **PROJECTS** did the proceeds from previous FanFest help to support?

- **All weather track**
- **Pitching machine**
- **Football jerseys**
- **Girls/boys track uniforms**
- **Girls/boys basketball uniforms**
- **Bunker rake**
- **Track & field record board**
- **Wrestling mat**
- **AND so much more!!**



Go Bulldogs!!

Become an Athletic Booster today and help support our athletes!

POLICE DEPARTMENT NEWS

CONTACTING THE VMPD

As I receive calls for service they come in through various ways and one is texting. Unfortunately, at night, I don't hear the text sound so please call if you have an issue that needs to be immediately addressed. I always answer the telephone ringer.

The ways to get service are to call dispatch at 515-993-4567 or my cellular telephone at 515-202-4154. I don't mind texts just remember they may not be answered promptly.



FIRE DEPARTMENT NEWS

JOIN OUR TEAM

The Van Meter Department Fire Department is actively recruiting community members to help us protect the community.



To Register

- Go to www.nixle.com
- Click "Sign Up Now!"
- Create an account by choosing a User Name and Password
- Enter an e-mail address and cell phone number where you would like to receive messages
- Enter your address (or a nearby intersection)
- Click "Sign Me Up"

Van Meter Department of Public Safety uses Nixle to keep the community informed. Sign up and know when weather alerts have been broadcast, the snow ordinance is in place or we need your help in solving a crime. Stay instantly informed of trusted, neighborhood-level public safety and community information. You choose the information you want, for the addresses you want, all delivered at no cost by text message, email and web.

SAVE THE DATE

Picnic on the Lawn

with Inner Rain

September 6, 2014

5pm to 7pm

at the VM Methodist Church



Food, fun and live music provided for the whole family. Bring blankets and lawn chairs. Free will donation.

Brought to you by the C.I.A Youth Group

VRC—Veterans Receptions Center

American Legion Post 403 Veterans Reception Center

910 Main Street

Van Meter IA

- Serving lunch Tuesdays and Wednesdays
- Steak Night—Wednesday
- Farmers Market—Thursday 5pm-7:30pm

BINGO—August 22 5pm-7pm



Questions?

Call: 515-996-9166

www.veteransreceptioncenter.com

POP CAN DRIVE!

August 16

9am to Noon

CIA Youth Group

Leave cans on the curb
or drop off at
the United
Methodist
Church.



Classes at Van Meter Community School resume
Monday, August 18, 2014.

In preparation for the first day back,
the school has scheduled
an open house

Thursday, August 14 from 5pm—7pm
6th Grade Orientation (laptop distribution)
5:30pm—7 p.m.

Students and parents can bring supplies
and meet their teachers!

CHECK IT OUT— LIBRARY NEWS



Contact the library at 515-996-2435 or
jwelker@vanmeteria.gov;
mboren@vanmeteria.gov

AUGUST – time for school to start and still have a few days of summer in between.

I wanted to be sure to put our library hours as many of you have asked about them with the new school schedule. Also I wanted to let you know we do not close at lunchtime and your library is open 46 hours each week.

Please let me or Michelle know if you have questions about the library or its hours.

August 1—Noon to 3pm: the Bicycle Rodeo with Police Chief Daggett and his officers. This is a great time to practice and learn about bicycle safety before heading back to school.

August 2— Prize Day! Winners for the summer reading contest will be announced at 9:30am and then a celebration with a movie and popcorn in the firehouse will follow at 10am.

If you have won you don't have to be present to receive your prize but please let Jolena know if you will be attending.

August 14—Crocheting and knitting with Shannon.

August 21— Regular book club – we will be discussing "The Wars of the Roses" by Alison Weir

August 28— Science Fiction and Fantasy book club – we will be discussing "The Color of Magic" by Terry Pratchett

After school fun starts on the first day of school. Be sure to use your library to study, use free WIFI, and get together with friends for games, puzzles and activities.

Be sure to mark your calendars now for the 2nd annual Van Meter Visitor Festival. It will be held on September 27th from 3 -10:30pm. We will have all three authors here, Chad Lewis, Noah Voss and Kevin Nelson.

Several other paranormal groups and author, Josh Heard will have a booth set up too. There are two historical walks, games, contests, food and author's question and answer time set for that day and evening. It promises to be a lot of fun so please come join us.

Let Jolena Welker or Michelle Boren know if you have any questions.

We have quite a few new books in for all ages. A new card game to check out "Dutch Blitz" and a few new movies.

DVDs :

»"The Monument Men"«

»"Lone Survivor"«

»"The LEGO Movie"«

Be sure to check out what your library can offer you!

Jolena and Michelle

What is a Little Free Library?

It's a "take a book, return a book" gathering place where neighbors share their favorite literature and stories. In its most basic form, a Little Free Library is a box full of books where anyone may stop by and pick up a book (or two) and bring back another book to share. You can, too!

Coming soon to Pine Court!! Location near the mailboxes.

Library Hours

Monday—9a to 5p

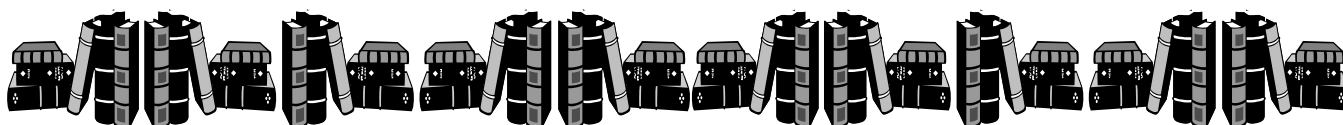
Tuesday—3p to 8p

Wednesday—9a to 8p

Thursday—9a to 8p

Friday—9a to 5p

Saturday—9a to Noon



CITY OF VAN METER

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PO Box 160
Van Meter, IA 50261

Phone: 515-996-2644

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Email: info@vanmeteria.gov



The USAgain bin is located in front of City Hall. Please drop off items in closed bags.

RECYCLE - IT'S EASY!

USAgain is a green company committed to reducing carbon emissions and protecting the environment through the collection of unwanted textiles in an effort to conserve resources, fight climate change, and offer affordable clothing to people worldwide.

Feel great knowing that your clothes are given a new life, instead of ending up in landfills.

To learn more, log on to www.usagain.com!

so there will be a tomorrow!

You can properly dispose of CFL bulbs at Van Meter City Hall. The City has partnered with Metro Waste Authority to help our community be more environmentally responsible. Do not throw CFL's away in your household garbage if better disposal options exist... and they do as stated above :) CFL's contain mercury which is considered a hazardous household material.



This is a free service for citizens of Van Meter. For more information about CFL bulbs, visit www.energystar.gov/cfls or for more info regarding CFLs and mercury, visit www.energystar.gov/mercury.

"Call2Recycle"

In addition to the collection of CFL bulbs, the City is collecting rechargeable batteries and cell phones.

A container is located inside City Hall.

Recycling Schedule for August 2014

WASTE CONNECTIONS INC.

515-265-7374

Monday, August 11

Monday, August 25